

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Claims 1-7 have been amended for clarification without in any way narrowing the scope of the claims, and a substitute specification has been provided to clarify and place the specification into proper idiomatic English. These changes have been made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as amended on November 7, 2000. Marked-up versions of Claims 1-7 indicating the changes accompany this Preliminary Amendment, along with a marked-up copy of the specification showing the changes made by the substitute specification. No new matter has been added.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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VERSION OF CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Patent Claims

1. ~~{Component}~~ **(Amended) A component** of a flow machine, ~~[in particular a gas turbine, which has]~~ **comprising:**
a plurality of cooling channels ~~{(4)}~~ for **passage of** a cooling medium ~~[and also];~~
at least one inspection aperture ~~{(5)}~~ through which an inspection of the interior of the component is made possible;
~~wherein~~
the inspection aperture ~~{(5) is}~~ **being** arranged and dimensioned such that it forms a dust discharge aperture for dust or dirt particles contained in the cooling medium.
2. ~~{Component}~~ **(Amended) The component** according to claim 1, wherein the inspection aperture ~~{(5)}~~ is dimensioned such that it makes possible the introduction of a borescope.
3. ~~{Component}~~ **(Amended) The component** according to claim 1 or 2, wherein ~~[it]~~ **the component** is ~~[constituted as]~~ a rotating blade for a turbine, **and** the inspection aperture ~~{(5) being}~~ **is** arranged in the neighborhood of **a tip of** the blade ~~[tip]~~.
4. ~~{Component}~~ **(Amended) The component** according to claim 3, wherein the inspection aperture ~~{(5)}~~ runs approximately parallel to the machine axis.
5. ~~{Component}~~ **(Amended) The component** according to claim 3, wherein the inspection aperture ~~{(5)}~~ is arranged at the blade tip and runs in a radial direction.
6. ~~{Process for}~~ **(Amended) A process for at least one of** the inspection ~~[and/or]~~ **and the** cleaning of the interior of a component ~~[, embodied according to patent claim 1, of a flow machine, in particular a gas turbine, wherein an inspection and/or]~~ **of a**



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flow machine, said component constructed according to claim 1, wherein the process comprises:

introducing at least one of an inspection tool and a cleaning tool ~~[is introduced]~~ through the inspection or dust discharge aperture, and **performing at least one of** an inspection ~~[and/or]~~ **of and a** cleaning of the interior of the component ~~[is carried out]~~ with the **at least one of an** inspection ~~[and/or]~~ **tool and a** cleaning tool.

7. ~~[Process]~~**(Amended) The process** according to claim 6, wherein a borescope is used as the inspection tool.